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A.—(*a*) On the basis of a comparison of the actual collection during the first six months of the three previous years with the total collection in those years, the Excise revenue anticipated in the first half of 1931–32, in consideration of the revenue anticipated for the whole year, is Rs. 241·51 lakhs. The actual revenue collected is Rs. 206·49 lakhs. There is thus a fall of Rs. 35·02 lakhs.

(*b*) On the information available at present, it is anticipated that the Excise revenue in 1932–33 will be less than the revenue for 1931–32 by about Rs. 26 lakhs.

(*c*) Proposals for effecting retrenchments in the Excise Department are under consideration. There is no proposal at present to abolish the posts of Deputy Commissioners.

Mr. V. M. Ramaswami Mudaliyar:—" With reference to the answer to clause (*c*) of the question, is it not a fact that the Retrenchment Committee has recommended the abolition of four posts of Assistant Commissioners and one post of Deputy Commissioner ? "

The hon. Diwan Bahadur S. Kumaraswami Reddiyar:—" We have not yet received the recommendations of the Retrenchment Committee."

Mr. V. M. Ramaswami Mudaliyar:—" When the recommendations do come, will the Government consider the desirability of giving effect to the recommendations ? "

The hon. Diwan Bahadur S. Kumaraswami Reddiyar:—" I am not a prophet to say that."

Civil Justice

Employment of ex-service men in the District Court, Tinnevelly.

* 595 *Q.*—Mr. M. Devadasan: Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(*a*) how many ex-military men have been employed in the District Court of Tinnevelly, as clerks and copyists;

(*b*) whether G.O. No. 319, Public, dated 8th April and G.O. No. 415, dated 26th March 1930, enjoining preferential treatment of the claims of ex-military men were communicated to the District Judge, Tinnevelly;

(*c*) whether notices of the existence of vacancies have been duly published by the District Judge, Tinnevelly, in accordance with G.O. No. 415, Public, dated 26th March 1930, so as to enable ex-military men to apply for the same in time;

(*d*) whether applications were received from ex-military men by the District Judge for the vacancies in the post of clerks on Rs. 35 for the last five years;

(*e*) if so, whether the applications were dealt with in accordance with the Government Orders;

(*f*) how many of the applications were rejected; and

(*g*) whether the Government have received any information in cases of rejection of the application in conformity with rule 2 of the said Government Order, viz., No. 415, dated 26th March 1930?

A.—(*a*) Two ex-military men are now employed, one as a clerk and the other as an examiner of copies.

(*b*) Yes.

(*c*) Vacancies of the kind referred to in G.O. No. 415, Public, dated the 26th March 1930, not having arisen since the date of issue of that order, occasion for publishing notices did not arise.

(*d*) The Government have no information.

(*e*) & (*f*) Do not arise.

(*g*) No applications have been rejected.

Criminal Justice

Public Prosecutor and Assistant Public Prosecutor of Coimbatore.

* 596 *Q*.—Mr. BASHEER AHMED SAYEED: Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(*a*) when the last appointments of Public Prosecutor and Assistant Public Prosecutor for Coimbatore were made and who are the present incumbents of the offices;

(*b*) whether at the time of the said appointments the District Judge and District Collector were consulted and if so, who were recommended by them;

(*c*) whether before the Collector and the District Judge sent in their recommendations, the consent of the then incumbent was obtained for his continuing in the office for a further term as Public Prosecutor;

(*d*) why the person recommended by both these authorities was not appointed to the office of Public Prosecutorship;

(*e*) what was the standing of the ex-Public Prosecutor for Coimbatore at the bar and what is the standing of the two present incumbents; and

(*f*) for how many years did the ex-Public Prosecutor of Coimbatore hold the office as such Public Prosecutor and why was he thought not fit to hold the office for a further term?

A.—(*a*) & (*b*) M.R.Ry. K. Raghavendra Rao Avargal is now the Public Prosecutor of Coimbatore and M.R.Ry. K. G. Gopal Pillai Avargal is the Public Prosecutor in respect of cases coming before the Court of the Additional Sessions Judge, Coimbatore. They were appointed in June 1931 in consultation with the District Magistrate and District Judge and on their recommendation.

(*c*) The District Magistrate stated that the then incumbent was willing to serve for another term.

(*d*) Because he was over 60 years of age.

(*e*) The Government have no information.